Bridge at Cheruvallimoola.

286 *MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that the wooden bridge at Cheruvallimoola in Kizhivalam pakuthi, Chirayinkil has been in a dilapidated condition for about six years now and the reason why the work of repairing the bridge is not attended to?

MR. I. C CHACKO: The bridge has been in a damaged condition for some time now. The estimate for improvements is under preparation.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: It is stated in the answer that the bridge has been in a damaged condition for some time now. May I know the period of time?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: The Department has no information about the period.

Bridge at Palai in the Minachil River.

287 *MR. P. S. GOPALA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government have dropped the scheme of a bridge at Palai in the Minachil river; and

(*b*) what is the expenditure incurred by the Government for the scheme?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) No. It has been decided to postpone the construction.

(*b*) Nil.

P. W. D. Contracts.

288. *MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that P. W. D. contracts are given without inviting tenders; and

(*b*) if so, will they be pleased to lay on the table a list of the names of the contractors to whom such contracts have been given in 1118 and 1119?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) P. W. D. contracts are generally arranged on tenders or quotations. Special arrangements are however resorted to when there is no response to notice for tenders or quotations or when the work is to be done on a contribution basis or when it is to be done very urgently.

(*b*) It is not possible to collect information on this point at short notice.

Lock-ups in the State.

289. *MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of lock-ups in the State that are provided with urinals and latrines;

(*b*) the number of lock-ups not so provided; and

(*c*) the nature of arrangements made in the case of lock-ups not so provided?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: (*a*) 14 (one lock-up with urinal and 13 lock-ups with latrines.)

(*b*) 47.

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(c) Persons in custody are taken in day time to convenient places, not far away from the stations under proper escort to answer the calls of nature. Earthen pots are kept in the lock-ups at night for the purpose and the next morning they are removed and the lock-ups well cleaned and disinfected.

New Roads in the Parur Taluk.

290. *MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state the actual amount spent for the construction of new roads in the Parur taluk in the year 1119?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: The information will be available only after the accounts of the year are closed.

Ranni Road.

291. *MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ranni Road which branches off from the Poovanakkadavu-Cherukolepuzha Road is not unfit for traffic;

(b) whether the Changanacherry-Ranni bus service has been stopped on account of the bad condition of this road;

(c) whether the Kunnom-Kottangal road which branches off from the Poovanakkadavu-Cherukolepuzha road is fit for traffic; and

(d) whether any steps have been taken to improve these roads?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (a) Not unfit for traffic.

(b) Not aware.

(c) A portion of the road is not fit for traffic.

(d) Yes.

Appendix I.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 263.**

STATEMENT No. 1.

	Name of Newspaper or periodical.	*Date on which sanction was given for its republication.*
1.	The Trivandrum Daily News	23-11-1943.
2.	The Bhashaposhini	4-1-1944.
3.	The Suvisesha Prabhashakan	12-1-1944.
4.	The Jyothir Nidhi or The Eastern Astrologer	20-1-1944.
5.	Punchiri	28-2-1944.
6.	Kerala Bhushanam	5-4-1944.

STATEMENT No. 2.

(Answer to Part (f) of 263.)

Newspapers for which permission was granted for republication.	*Newspapers newly started under licences granted.*
1. Kerala Bhushanam.	1. Sumangala.
	2. Dharma Deepam.

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